

House Bill No. 940 by Alaniz

I disapprove, and am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 940. Under our existing law, every county tax collector is authorized to deputize such persons as he believes are required to accept poll taxes and give receipts therefor. This bill would empower a county commissioner or a county judge to certify names to the tax collectors and the collector would be required to commission these citizens as deputies for accepting and selling poll taxes--however, the bill is bracketed to apply to only one county. If it is necessary or good procedure to permit a county commissioner and county judge as well as the tax collector to name deputies for accepting and selling poll taxes, there is no reason why it should not apply to all counties rather than just one. Since there has been no showing that the tax collectors cannot adequately handle this responsibility without additional help, I disapprove of the bill.

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